

Thrive Homeschool Program, Class Descriptions, Session 2 (10/16 to 12/15/17)

Class Title	Grades	Instructor	Day/ Time	Description	Materials Needed:	How likely will class repeat?
NEW Acting Silly	3rd- 8th	Baker- Beale	T, AM	It's time to get silly with storytelling and drama skills! Whether it's telling a story one word at a time with a partner or acting out a skit without words, storytelling games provide endless fun!	NA	unsure
NEW Amazing Paper Creations	4th-8th	Fort	T, AM	We will find out the many amazing things that paper can do. We will learn about the process of making paper and make recycled handmade paper. And we will learn how to make stationary, fold paper envelopes and how to make various kinds of cards including pop-up cards. We will see what we can make with paper by folding it, exploring origami and paper airplanes. We will experiment with making various creations by cutting paper, including paper snowflakes, Kirigami (Japanese art of paper cutting) and Papel Picados (Mexican tissue paper cutout banners).	NA	Unsure
NEW Animal Care	1st-6th	McGovern	T, PM	Do you love animals? Ever thought about being a veterernarian or wondered about service animals? Learn about the care and feeding of pets and the importance of service animals and how they can help their humans as much as we can help them.	NA	unsure
Battle Class/LARP II	4th- 8th	Dr. Dragon	Th, PM	Sometimes kids whack each other (or lamps or trees) with things. Usually that's not a good thing. But in this class, Dr. D will be teaching some lucky children a way to battle it out safely and respectfully! LARP (Live Action Role Play) is a fun and creative way for kids to play at being knights, rangers, warriors, and rogues. This will be a three-part class series. For Part I, we'll be learning about honor and respect for our fellow combatants while we create soft, safe "boffer" weapons and shields. We will then get instruction on the proper use of these weapons and shields, and begin sparring. Part II will start into building a fantasy character for each student, complete with background story, personality, and costume. The end of each day of Part II will be spent at weapons practice. For Part III, we will break into two groups, and each group will create a Quest for the other, with clues, riddles, maps; whatever the kids come up with! Following the clues will lead each group to special Quest items. During Part III, weapons practice will continue at the end of each day until our big Quest days at the end of the series. Come join us for fantasy fun and adventure with Battle/LARP Class!! Developing character and backstory	Optional: Various LARP weapon creating supplies	Likely
Between the Folds	4th- 8th	Baker- Beale	Th, PM	Did you know that even engineers use origami? Come learn more about real world applications of origami as well as folding some cool things of your own. Great class to repeat and learn more.	NA	Likely

NEW Board Games	3rd- 8th	Cricket	T, PM	Board games are more than just fun for kids to play. They teach social skills, communication, sharing, waiting, taking turns, how to lose and win, how to be a "good sport", and helps to improve the players focus and attention span. Students will have the opportunity to play a large variety of challenging board games such as Catan, Risk, Chess, Life, Sequence, and Monopoly.	NA	Likely
NEW Creating with Nature	TK- 4th	Fort	W, PM	We will explore the beauty of nature as we find ways to be creative with natural objects including river rocks, sticks, fall leaves, pinecones, and so many other small natural wonders. We will do rock painting, leaf prints, nature weavings, fairy houses and fairy gardens with natural materials, nature mandalas, and nature art inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy. Many of our art pieces will happen in nature in Lower Bidwell Park, and the art pieces that are created in the park will remain there to offer points of beauty and inspiration for those who may find them. Parents will be informed of which days of class we will be at the park and where to drop-of and pick-up students.	NA	Unsure
Den of the Dinosaurs	TK- 3rd	Dr. Dragon	W, PM	Ever wonder what the proper names are for "long necks," "duck bills," and "sharp teeth?" In Dinosaur Class, Dr. D will tell you all of this and so much more!! Students will learn about the time periods in which dinosaurs lived, the different families/types of dinosaurs, and their characteristics, behaviors, and the creatures with which they shared their world. We'll also learn about evolution and some of the exciting dinosaur discoveries that have been made through history. When we've taught dinosaur lessons before, the kiddos have always been fascinated. Who doesn't love dinosaurs? This is a great class to repeat.	NA	Unsure
Dragon Tales	1st-4th	Dr. Dragon	W, AM	It's Story Time!! Join Dr. D and experience the exhilarating fun, adventure, and inspiration that comes of reading! We will be delving into such classics as Robin Hood, Treasure Island, Swiss Family Robinson, and The Hobbit. Dr. D brings these stories and characters to life with voices, accents, and even the occasional costume! This is great class to repeat.	NA	Unsure
NEW Fantastic Creatures	TK- 6th	Dr. Dragon	T, PM	Learn the myths and legends about dragons, unicorns, sasquatches, and other classic creatures! We'll explore which parts of these beasts and their legends are pure fantasy, and which might have roots in reality. We'll also discuss the biological feasibility of such creatures actually having existed -- and magic, just for fun! Fairies, werewolves, vampires, elves, dwarves; they're all fair game in this fun exploration of the fantastic.	NA	Unsure
NEW Franken-stuffies	1st- 6th	Hawley	W, AM	Try your hand at creating adorable, interesting, and strange stuffed animal creatures. Students will mix, match, and hand sew their very own Frankenstein's stuffed animal. Will your teddy bear have a monkey tail, or rabbit ears? These stuffed animals aren't your everyday creatures.	Optional: Stuffed animals you are no longer using that can be transformed into new original stuffed art.	Unsure

Free Choice	TK- 8th	various	various	This Self Directed time allows students to not only work on their projects and activities longer, it also gives them the opportunity to try out classes that are being offered during the time frame of their Free Choice class. If they aren't sure they will like a class for all six weeks they can sign up for Free Choice and then try it out for one day with the freedom to make another choice the following week.	NA	Very Likely
Growing Gardens	TK- 3rd and 3rd-8th	Fort	M, AM and Th, PM	We will continue caring for and learning from the winter vegetable garden that was begun at Thrive in the first session. This is a great class to continue or fun to jump in for session 2. We will learn about soil, pollination and pollinators, flower and plant parts, plant needs, what grows best in each season locally and what plants are native to this area. We will get to play in the soil and learn about planting and caring for plants. We will plant some bulbs and native plants to beautify the Thive campus.	All students should bring a set of usable gardening tools. Each student should have 1 pair of gloves, 1 knee pad (or towel that can get dirty), 1 hand shovel or trowel, and 1 hand rake. Ask your homeschool teacher as you may be able to purchase these items with your charter funds.	Likely
Hand Drumming with Papa Z!	2nd- 8th	Papa Z	T, AM	Here we learn about how to make music on hand drums and other percussion instruments. We'll draw inspiration from folkloric and contemporary rhythms to get the groove going! Perfect to repeat all year or take for just one session.	Papa Z asks that the students bring their own conga or djembe for this class. We have a limited amount of drums available for student use.	Likely
NEW Hands On Science	TK-4th	Cricket	W, PM	Science is fun and exciting when you can interact with and fully experience its amazement. Students will participate in many experiments and activities such as balancing water on coins, moving a straw without touching it, and making beads jump out of a glass and learn the scientific explanation for each amazing activity.	NA	Likely
Hoopdance	2nd- 8th	SunRise	W, AM	This fun, movement based class welcomes children to use hula hoops as a tool to explore their bodies and personalities in creative and playful ways. Together we will learn the basics of hula hooping, skills and techniques to challenge the brain and how to connect and express authentically with ourselves and each other through collaborations and performance. We practice gratitude and speaking positively about ourselves and others as we play and explore this unique practice of dancing with hoops. Perfect to repeat all year or take for just one session.	NA	Very Likely
NEW Jewelry Making	2nd- 8th	Hawley	Th, AM	Jewelry is one of the oldest forms of art, and used by almost everyone. It can be a form of self expression and individuality, each piece reflecting the wearer's personal style. Students will learn how to make rings, earrings, necklaces, and bracelets, each a unique piece of art.	Optional: Beads and jewelry making supplies from home	Likely

Lego STEM: Galaxy Far Away	1st- 6th	Bricks 4 Kidz	M, AM	Join us on an adventurous journey through space! Build a rocket to blast through the atmosphere into a realm that is truly out of this world. Build a world where rebels and the dark side start epic battles. We'll build motorized models that represent spacecraft from your favorite popular space movie. We will also learn a lot about space along the way. Come experience this stellar journey to a Galaxy Far Away! This class will be lead by Bricks 4 Kids from 9:30 to 10:30am. From 10:30 to 11 students will join the Free Choice group or they may be picked up early.	NA	Very Likely- with different themes each session
Magic or Science?	TK- 6th	Cricket	Th, AM	Students will do fun science experiments like move a can without touching it, make beads jump out of a glass, and make water travel up a paper towel and answer the question; is it magic or science? This is a fun class to repeat with many new experiments.	NA	Likely
Martial Arts with Azad's	varies	Miss Miranda from Azad's Martial Arts Studio	various	Your child will enjoy an exciting and fun martial arts curriculum that teaches a wide variety of martial arts techniques and key life lessons that are important to child's safety and success. Azad's kids martial arts classes help children enter society with a confident and enthusiastic outlook. Your child will become a better student in school, a better listener at home and feel more ambitious towards his/her future goals regardless of their young age! Perfect to repeat all year long or take for just one session.	Students wishing to progress in belt levels will be asked to purchase their belts. \$10 belt fee payable directly to Azad's Martial Arts.	Very Likely
Movin' and Groovin'	TK- 3rd	Fort	T, PM	We will learn and practice different forms of movement including simple gymnastics, stretching, Brain Gym® exercises, and mindful movement practices. We will have plenty of free dance time with lively positive music. We will explore moving to different types of music to see how it makes us want to move. All abilities welcome. These movement practices will help us to connect with our bodies, support our right and left brain connection, improve our balance and body awareness, and provide us with tools to calm our bodies and emotions and release extra energy. Perfect to repeat all year or take for just one session.	NA	Likely
Nature Exploration	TK- 6th	Dr. Dragon	M, PM	Hop, skip, jump and build forts in the park. This is open exploration time in nature (within safe boundaries) with hands on, fun projects and games to add to their love for nature knowledge. Perfect to repeat all year or take for just one session. Students should be picked up at the park. Students will walk from campus (from their main block class) with the instructor to the park. Pick up point is on Vallombrossa at the park entrance across from Bryant.	NA	Very Likely
NEW Outdoor Games	2nd-6th	Cricket	Th, PM	With the weather cooling off it is a perfect time to be outside playing games with friends. Each class meeting students will learn how to play one of many fun outdoor games such as Hand Ball, Speed Bowling, Croquet, Bocce Ball, Badminton and, Basketball.	NA	Likely
Papa Z's Jammer's Club	TK- 6th	Papa Z	M, PM	Every child brings an instrument with Papa Z facilitating a jam session. Singers can come too. We'll bring everyone together and find our common beat. If you don't have an instrument, don't worry, we have some extras. Perfect to repeat all year or take for just one session.	Optional: Various instruments	Unsure

NEW Sew your Imaginings into Reality	3rd-8th	Fort	Th, AM	We will learn the basics of hand sewing, embroidery and machine sewing through various sewing projects to learn and practice different skills. Projects will include sock puppets, embroidery art, small bean bags, pillow cases, simple bags, small stuffed animals, and creations that students plan and design themselves. No experience necessary.	All students should bring a set of needles, a box of sewing pins, a black and white spool of sewing thread, a medium size embroidery hoop, and three colors of embroidery thread. Ask your homeschool teacher as you may be able to purchase these things with your funds.	Likely
NEW Spanish Language and Culture	TK- 5th and 3rd-8th	Maestra Kailin	T, AM and W, PM	In Spanish Classes with Maestra Kailin, your student will learn Spanish language and culture through song, story, play, practice, art, and reflection. Students will focus on useful language structures and helpful vocabulary to use these structures. It will be a positive learning environment using proven effective second language strategies studied and developed in seven years of teaching language. Maestra Kailin is a California Credentialed Bilingual and Cultural elementary teacher with years of experience teaching and studying in Spain, Taiwan, Brazil, Mexico, Oregon, and California.	NA	Likely
Spanish Stories and Songs	TK-3rd	Papa Z	W, AM	This bilingual class is a fun way to learn about Spanish speaking cultures through traditional and contemporary songs and children's stories. The children can play along with our musical toys as well. Perfect to repeat all year or take for just one session.	NA	Very Likely
Terrific Tessellations	3rd- 8th	Baker- Beale	Th, AM	Tessellations can be both big pictures made from small square tiles or using a single repeating tile to fill a space with no gaps or overlaps. In this class, we will be making our own tessellation art and learning about the history of tessellations. Great class to repeat and learn more.	NA	Unsure
NEW Trash Treasures	TK- 6th	Hawley	T, AM	What do you do with empty jars, tin cans, old utensils, bike cycle wheels, door knobs, and a wooded chair? Upcycle them into art of course! Trash Treasures will challenge students to take what would normally be thrown away and repurpose those items into works of art.	Optional: Recyclable items from home	Unsure
Yoga with Papa Z!	3rd-8th	Papa Z	Th, PM	In this class we will be stretching, toning and breathing using the healthy postures of Hatha yoga to keep in shape. Great class to repeat all year or take for just one session.	Each child should have their own yoga mat and bring it with them to every class. Clothing needs to be non-restrictive to allow for movement. Parents will be asked to read over information about the content of this class and asked to complete an agreement regarding consent to the curriculum.	Unsure